Fatal Crash Follow-up
4200 block of Southern Ave SE

Death Case Year
21

Death Case Number
17

Jurisdiction
MPD

Death Type
Driver

Address Location
4200 Southern Avenue SE

Ward
7

Striking Vehicle
- Motor Vehicle (MVT)

Second Striking Vehicle/Object
- Motor Vehicle (MVT)

Crash Date and Time
May 14, 2021, 6:49:00 PM

Fatality Person
Driver
The preliminary investigation revealed that at approximately 6:49 pm, the driver of a Chrysler Pacifica was travelling southwest bound in the 4200 block of Southern Avenue, Southeast, when the driver suddenly lost control of the vehicle and crossed the centerline onto incoming traffic. The Chrysler Pacifica struck a Metro Transit bus, head-on, that was travelling in the right lane of the northeast bound direction. DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services transported the driver of the Chrysler Pacifica to a local hospital for treatment. After all life-saving efforts failed, the victim was pronounced dead. Additionally, DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services transported the driver of the Metro Transit bus and two passengers to local hospitals for treatment of non-life threatening injuries. An additional passenger was treated on scene and released.

MPD Press release link
https://mpdc.dc.gov/release/traffic-fatality-4200-block-southern-avenue-southeast

Site Visit(s)
Completed

Factors/context discussed at site visit(s)
Driver/decedent crossed over center line and struck the WMATA bus that was in the right lane on the incoming side of the street.

Actions Planned/Completed
Adding rotating speed camera boxes and cameras along Southern Ave; several members of Operations, Community Engagement completed a site visit to the area.

Actions Under Consideration
None.